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Rep. Quinn Votes for Common Sense Welfare Reform

Madison – Representative Romaine Quinn (R-Rice Lake) voted on Wednesday to support reforms to public benefits that protect the use of tax dollars, foster personal responsibility, and encourage recipients to return to the private sector workforce.

Assembly Bill 177 (AB 177) would assure that tax dollars provided to FoodShare recipients are spent on items recommended by the federal supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC), as well as beef, pork, poultry, fish, potatoes, fresh produce, dairy, and cranberry products.

Assembly Bills 191 and 192 help ensure that welfare recipients are ready and able to return quickly to the workforce by confirming that they passed a drug test. Employers have expressed frustration with the difficulty in finding employees who can pass a drug test and with the cost of testing potential employees. By the state welfare agencies providing this requirement, welfare recipients will be at an advantage when seeking employment.

“As we ensure that job-training programs remain in place for those who need them, we must also make sure that those with training are able to rejoin the workforce quickly. Helping job seekers remain drug-free and ready to work will ensure that employers who need good people don’t have to worry about an applicant’s ability to pass a drug test,” said Rep. Quinn.

“Similarly, AB 177 will help Wisconsin by assuring a proper use of tax dollars under the FoodShare program. When tax dollars are used to provide nutritional foods to recipients, students will have more energy to focus in school and tax dollars will be used wisely. Parents will continue to have the ability to put healthy food on the dinner table. I will support common-sense welfare reform that encourages people to make good choices and to be ready for the workforce,” Quinn stated.

The bills have passed the Assembly and will be considered by the Wisconsin State Senate.

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